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REVAMPING OF DGFT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level committee was set up top revamp the Directorate General Foreign trade (DGFT);

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the committee;

(c) whether the Government has given more powers to DGFT to undertake anti-dumping investigations etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the recommendations of the committee have been implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) A Study Group was set up under Shri P.P.Prabhu, former Commerce Secretary to advise the Government on the future role and functions of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in the liberalized economic scenario and emerging world trading environment.

(b) Key recommendation of the Prabhu Committee was that Directorate General of Foreign Trade should be oriented to play a more effective role in India`s international trade promotion and facilitation and perform the following activities :

act as a field agency of the Department of Commerce;
act as a resource center for trade information;
act as a trade facilitator;
act as a watchdog of trade trends; act as a trade protection agency;
act as a monitoring agency of exports; and
act as a support organization for WTO negotiations.

(c) & (d) No, Sir.

(e) DGFT has substantially adapted its organizational functioning in line with the recommendations of the Prabhu Committee.